



**SWINGING TIME** is enjoyed at playground on Bancroft St. by Tony and Billy Hawes.

[Greg Derr photo]

## School Communication Councils Need Parents

If you'd like to know more about the schools than what your child may or may not tell you, the best way is to join one of four Communication Councils - Osgood, Deer Hill, Junior or Senior High.

Individual councils meet monthly with their school principals to exchange ideas, make suggestions and discuss school programs and problems. Parents serving on the councils gain first hand information concerning school programs while becoming better acquainted with the administration and staff.

Specific activities, in addition to regularly attending meetings, might include planning open house functions, assisting with volunteer programs, preparing newsletters and serving on various subcommittees as such needs arise.

Each council is composed of three to five members for each grade level. The by-laws provide for a consecutive two-year term, thus ensuring participation by more people. Therefore, each year at least one half of each council's membership is lost due to expiration of terms. We are now looking for interested parents to fill these vacancies. The need is particularly great at the Senior High which has had a high rate of attrition. Those who have served on a council may again be eligible after a year's absence. In addition, anyone not serving

as a council member may, nevertheless, serve on a subcommittee.

Only with your help can there be better communications between schools and the community. If interested in volunteering obtain a blank at the Office of the Superintendent, 143 Pond Street.

## Exciting Recreation Summer Season, Staff Ready

This summer promises to be an exciting one in Recreation programs, activities and special events. An outline depicting the 79 summer will soon be available.

This year's summer staff is perhaps the strongest and most qualified ever assembled for Cohasset. Each individual was employed for a specific purpose from a large field of candidates. Results offer not only well qualified members, but a wellbalanced, multi-skilled, enthusiastic group.

Heading the playground staff is Kurt Rever for his second year. He is a teacher at the High School involved with youth and children on a year round basis.

Also returning will be Larry Drago, now a junior at Colby College. Larry brings talents in sports, low-organized games and group leadership.

Pam Gunville, a junior at Southeastern Mass. University, is returning for another year. Pam will be applying her talents in sports and games.

Shelanne Sladen, also returning for her second year, is now a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire. Shelanne has had prior training as a C.I.T. at Camp Daniel Webster and is a Physical Education major at U.N.H. Shelanne's expertise lies in the areas of structured games and activities and team sports.

Two instructors returning from two years ago are Ann Donovan and Allison Haskell. Ann is now a senior at Dartmouth and has been with the program since 1974. Ann is a varsity basketball player at Dartmouth and has had a great deal of experience instructing children. She is presently student teaching. Allison, a senior at U.N.H., will be in charge of arts and crafts as she was during 1977. Allison will offer ecology as part of the playground program and will integrate arts and craft projects into study of local environment.

Newest member is Leslie Travers in charge of Special Needs children. A significant concept of the program is to provide a degree of continuity, during the summer months, to children in Special Education programs or have special needs. Leslie, Special Education major at Bridgewater State College in her senior year, will work with the children in small group settings or individually. The philosophy behind the Special Needs program is to help the children into the regular program as quickly and smoothly as possible. Children with Special Needs are not isolated from our regular program but an integral part of the program.

Parents of Special Needs children should consult with Director Jack Worley at regis-

tration to discuss needs of the child.

This year the department will operate a half day program (9 a.m. to noon) for four and five year old children.

The program will be held at Osgood School but will be independent of the 6-12 year old program with its own staff and volunteer force.

The three members of the four and five year old staff are: Christine Riley, Kathryn Anderson and Christopher MacKenzie. Christine is a sophomore at Lesley College majoring in Early Childhood Education and has student taught at the Harvard Law School Day Care Center. Kathryn is a Special Education major at Bridgewater State College and has worked on the school's work study program and as a volunteer worker in a private day care center. Christopher will be in college this fall and has worked for the Department for three years as head soccer league referee and at Deer Hill Camp School. Chris has taught wrestling to 5th, 6th and 7th graders.

**YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAM STAFF:** The Summer Youth Tennis Program is staffed with two instructors. Returning for his second year is John Roy, now a sophomore at Trinity College. New is Christopher Nawn, a junior at Colorado College who has taught tennis to children aged 8 to 18.

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